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RESOLUTION #06- 16

RESOLUTION BY OLMSTED COUNTY  
MANDATE REFORM RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Session Laws 2005, Chapter 156, art 2, sect 3 now codified in Minn. Stat 6.79 states, "A county, town, school district, or statutory or home rule charter city may file a written resolution with the state auditor objecting to a state mandate or making recommendations for reforming a state mandate;" and

WHEREAS, the State Auditor has encouraged local governments to consider submitting those state mandates, to list on her web site, that they believe are in particular need of reform or repeal to help legislators identify them; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Minnesota Counties and the Metropolitan Intercounty Association have worked to develop a sample list of mandates to aid counties in their response to the State Auditor's request; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Counties are facing massive cuts in federal funding for provision of state mandated social services due to the recently passed Federal Budget Reconciliation Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Olmsted County Board supports actions which improve efficiency and increase effectiveness of state and local public services delivered to our joint constituents; and,

WHEREAS, the Olmsted County Board finds that it could provide better services for less tax dollars in some instances if certain state mandates were repealed and other shared and underfunded programs were more fully funded by our state partners; and

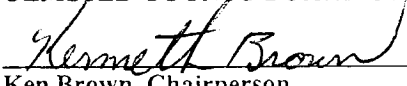
WHEREAS, the Olmsted County Board finds that listing and reforming mandates is only one tool to improving the state-county relationship and enhancing outcomes for citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olmsted County Board of Commissioners supports forwarding the attached list, "Mandates Submission to State Auditor , Brief Sample From Among Thousands, Edited by Olmsted County" to the State Auditor for listing with other mandate reform proposals on her web site, and also to other counties in southeast Minnesota, urging them to participate in this opportunity.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Olmsted County Board of Commissioners suggests a more comprehensive look at statutes that impact local costs: report requirements; increased criminal penalties; process changes to our administration of state statute or programs; the statutory setting of fees (or requirement that a service be free) for local government services, data, or building use; and statutory exemptions or special practices which lead to higher capital and maintenance costs of county infrastructure.

Dated at Rochester, Minnesota this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006.

OLMSTED COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Ken Brown, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Richard Devlin, clerk-Administrator



Human Services				
Mandate	Statute	Rule	Comments	Additional Questions or Issues
Eliminate County Share for Medical Assistance Costs for Under-65 Disabled Placed in Nursing homes more than 90 days and for certain ICF/MR and IMD Placements	256B.19 costs to Olmsted county for #1=\$92,342 for 2005 #2=\$110,053 for 2005 #3=\$123,923 for 2005		<p>Currently, the state requires counties to pay the indicated portion of the nonfederal share of medical assistance costs for stays in excess of 90 days in the following situations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. • 10% for individuals placed in intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR's) of seven beds or more,</li> <li>2. • 20% for individuals placed in institutions of mental disease (IMD's),</li> <li>3. • 20% for under-65 disabled individuals placed in nursing homes.</li> </ol> <p>The state reneged on its commitment to pay all those costs when counties surrendered homestead and agricultural credit aid on a dollar for dollar basis for the state takeover of all income maintenance programs in the early 1990's. These cuts in state funding, enacted in 2003, should be restored now that the state finances are back in the black.</p>	